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1. ACCORDING TO A RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE
MINISTER OF LABOR, J.B. GORDON, ON THE BASIS OF A
HALF-YEARLY EMPLOYMENT SURVEY, AVERAGE ORDINARY WEEKLY
TIME EARNINGS ROSE 6.7 PER CENT FROM APRIL THROUGH
SEPTEMBER. ORDINARY EARNINGS STOOD AT \$109.75 AT
OCTOBER (AVERAGE MALE EARNING WERE \$119.99 -
UP 6.4 PER CENT - AND AVERAGE FEMALE EARNINGS ROSE
8 PER CENT TO \$91.49).

2. FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 1976 THE AVERAGE
EARNINGS INCREASED 14.7 PER CENT (VS AN 11.7 PER CENT
INCREASE FOR THE SEPTEMBER 1975 YEAR).

3. TOTAL SURVEYED WORK FORCE ROSE 1.1 PER CENT
DURING THE YEAR TO OCTOBER TO 927,631. THE FEMALE
SECTOR ROSE 2.5 PER CENT AND THE MALE, 0.4 PER CENT.

4. TOTAL FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT, NOT COUNTING WORKING
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PROPRIETORS, ROSE TO 854,617 - UP 0.9 PER CENT.
PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT INCREASED 3.9 PER CENT TO 133,701.
(IN THE YEAR TO OCTOBER 1975 IT DECREASED 1.9 PER CENT.)

5. AVERAGE ORDINARY TIME WEEKLY HOURS REMAINED
CONSTANT FOR MALES AT 37.7 HOURS; FOR FEMALES IT ROSE

MARGINALLY FROM 36.4 TO 36.5 HOURS.

6. THE LABOR TURNOVER RATE FOR THE SIX MONTHS TO OCTOBER 1976 DROPPED SLIGHTLY, FROM 20 PER CENT TO 19 PER CENT FOR MALES, AND FROM 27 PER CENT TO 26 PER CENT FOR FEMALES.
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